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In re Application of:	)	
Ronald W. Fechter et al.	)	Art Unit: 3679
Application No.: 10/665,789	)	Examiner: Victor L. Macarthur
Filed: September 18, 2003	)	
For: ATTACHMENT DEVICE FOR A LOAD-BEARING MEMBER	)	
Attorney Docket No.: 03-143	) )	
	)	Peoria, Illinois

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## PETITION TO REVIVE UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)

February 23, 2006

An Office action was issued on June 28, 2005 ("the Office action"). The Office action contained only restriction requirements. The Office action set a shortened statutory period of one month for a reply. The maximum time period allowable for a reply, including extensions available under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, was six months (one month shortened statutory period, plus a five month extension). Thus, the time period for reply expired on December 28, 2005.

In response to the Office action, applicants made a *bona fide* attempt to submit a full reply thereto on July 25, 2005. However, a notice of incomplete response was issued on September 19, 2005. A second *bona fide* attempt to submit a full reply to the Office

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action was made on September 28, 2005. However, a notice of incomplete response was

issued on December 16, 2005.

Applicants are submitting herewith a reply to the Office action which,

applicants believe, is a full response to the requirements of the Office action. A petition for a

five month extension of time for the reply also accompanies.

Applicants did not receive a copy of the second notice of incomplete response

that was mailed on December 16, 2005. The issuance of this second notice was not

discovered until February, 2006, after checking the status of the application in PAIR. From

the time the second reply was submitted on September 28, 2005, until the second notice of

incomplete response was discovered in February, 2006, applicants believed that the

requirements of the Office action had been fulfilled. Therefore, the entire delay in filing the

required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of this petition was

unintentional.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27	Art Unit				3679	3679			
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